THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) 84563 domestic LPG connections in 1994 and 59384 connections in 1995 (upto June, 1995) were sanctioned by the Government on request of individuals and recommendations of public representatives, Government functionaries, public and social workers and dignitaries, including MPs and Ex-MPs in some cases, in urgent and deserving cases at the discretion of the Government. No target is fixed by the Government in this regard.

Unmanned Level Crossings

1069. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and details of unmanned Railway level crossings in Bihar and the country as a whole as on date;

(b) the details of Railway level crossing accidents in the States during the last five years and so far during 1995 indicating the lives lost and persons injured; and

(c) the number of level crossing manned mechanised during these years and the plans for 1995 in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Number and details of unmanned Railway level corssings in Bihar and the country as a whole on date.

1. BIHAR:		
Eastern Railway	—	227
North Eastern Railway	—	994
Northeast Frontier Railway	—	190
South Eastern Railway	—	405
		1766
2. Country as a whole:		
Central Railway	—	1303
Eastern Railway	—	687
Northern Railway	—	3090
North Eastern Rly.	—	2615
Northeast Frontier Rly.	—	1701
Southern Railway	—	2324
South Central Rly.	—	2108
South Eastern Rly.	—	3467
Western Railway	—	3972
		21267

(b) Details are given in the ANNEXURE. [*See* Appendix 174, Annexure No. 32]

No. of level crossing manned/ mechanised during 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 & 1995.

Year	Manned	Mechanised (provided with lifting barrier)
1991	26	40
1992	54	39
1993	39	42
1994	189	39
1995	329	75
	637	235

Gas produced by Oil Fields of Assam

1070. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of natural gas being produced per day invarious oil fields in Assam;

(b) what is the quantity of gas being flared daily invarious oil fields in the State;

(c) whether Government propose to utilize the gas which is being flared in Assam; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) In 1994-95, 5.23 MMSCMD of natural gas was produced in Assam out of which 1.52 MMSCMD was flared.

(c) and (d) ONGC and OIL are setting up the required compression and transportation facilities to reduce flaring to the technically minimum levels. OIL is also implementing a scheme for underground storage of gas.

Target for setting up new post offices in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

1071. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target for the current year 1995-96 for opening new post offices for Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the demand of these States; and

(c) by when the gap between the demand and the target will be bridged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The target for the current year 1995-96 for opening of new post offices for Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

	EDBO*	DSO**
Maharashtra	9	12
Andhra Pradesh	2	5

(b) There is demand for opening 189 post offices in Maharashtra and 37 in Andhra Pradesh.

* Extra departmental branch post offices
** Departmental sub post offices.

(c) Post offices are opened under Annual Plan, subject to fulfilment of norms and availability of resources. Hence, no time-frame can be given for bridging the gap between demand and the target.

Aid flow to Developing Countries by OECD

1072. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India alongwith other member countries of Group of 77 campaigned for more aid flow to the developing countries from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to help social development programmes of developing countries at the recent world Summit for Social Development; and

(b) if so, the follow up action being taken on the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) At the recent World Summit for Social Development, India, alongwith other member countries of Group of 77, campaigned for more aid flows to developing countries for poverty eradication, employment generation and other social development programmes. Apart from global mobilisation of resources for social development, India also called for non-discriminatory access to markets and the availability of technologies that are relevant to these core issues.

India trusts that the international cooperation will reinvigorate itself in implementing the far-reaching decisions of the World Summit for Social Development. India has been actively participating in the follow-up actions to